GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF DEFENCE EQUIPMENTS
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Bharat bhi hathiyar niryat ke kshetra mein kadam rakhega` appearing in `Hindustan` dated January 18, 2001;

(b) whether the Government are contemplating to set up Arms Export Bureau on the lines of Pakistan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the type of arms India is contemplating to export;

(e) whether India has received orders for the supply of arms from any foreign country;

(f) if so, the details thereof and the type of arms to be exported; and
(g) the present status of India in the matter of arms export?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (g): Defence Industry in India caters mainly to the requirements of the Defence Services and arms and equipment are exported after meeting domestic requirements. This is being done by the Ordnance Factory Board and Defence Public Sector Undertakings. The Department of Defence Production & Supplies plays a facilitating role including issue of No Objection CertificatesExport is mainly to countries in Asia and Africa and includes small arm ammunition, explosives, rockets, spares for L-70 guns and 7.62mm rifles, clothing items, parachutes and accessories, aeronautical stores, communication equipment, components and sub-systems like Electronic assemblies, Precision Mechanical parts, Printed Circuit Boards, etcLimited quantities have also been exported to countries in Europe. Average annual exports during the last three financial years were approximately Rs. 135 crores.